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Douwe D. Haga

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Application Number

10/762,899

Filing Date

January 21, 2004

Art Unit

1743

Examiner Name

To be assigned

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**NON-CONTACT DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COLLAPSING HYBRIDIZATION
SUBSTRATE**

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| Filing Date | January 21, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Douwe D. Haga |
| Group Art Unit | 1743 |
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Douwe D. Haga and Michael R. FlatbushApplication No./Patent No.: 10/762,899 Filed/Issue Date: January 21, 2004Entitled: Non-Contact Device and Method for Collapsing Hybridization Substrate

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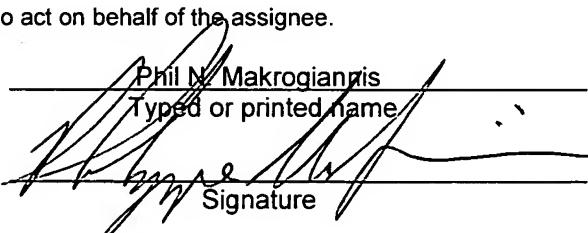
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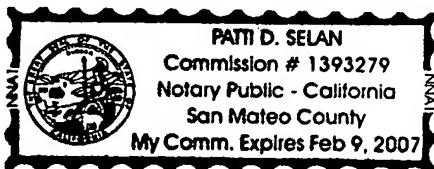
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Patti D. Selan

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Michael R. Flatbush residing at 7400 Hillsboro Avenue, San Ramon, California 94583; citizen of US;

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**NON-CONTACT DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COLLAPSING HYBRIDIZATION
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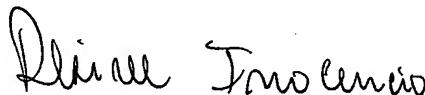
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